

RESPONSE AND REMARKS

REJECTIONS UNDER SECTION 103(a)

In the Office Action, Claims 64-77, 80 and 81 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,233,568; "Kara") in view of Ramsden et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,656,799; "Ramsden"), InterShipper; (Newsbytes Article, Internet Update; "InterShipper"), UPS® On Call Air Pickup (www.apps.ups.com; "UPS On Call"), UPS® Service Guide (www.ups.com; "UPS") and FedEx® Services (www.fedex.com; "FedEx"), and further in view of Barnett et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,369,840; "Barnett"), Office Action, Topic No. 3, p. 2.

RESPONSE REMARKS REGARDING SECTION 103(a) REJECTIONS

The rejections under Section 103(a) have been carefully considered.

Claims 64, 69, 74 and 75 have been amended to more distinctly claim the claimed invention; Claims 68, 71, 73, 76 and 78-79 were previously cancelled; dependent Claims 80 and 81 have been cancelled.

It is respectfully asserted, for the reasons given and authorities previously given (which are incorporated in full by reference herein), and further for the reasons given below that the claimed invention is not disclosed, anticipated, taught or suggested by the cited references and that the application is therefore in condition for allowance.

A. NO COMBINATION OF THE CITED REFERENCES DISCLOSES THE SIMULTANEOUS GRAPHIC DISPLAY OF SHIPPING RATES, A CORRESPONDING INDICATION OF A CARRIER, AND A CORRESPONDING INTERACTIVE SELECTION INDICATOR AS REQUIRED BY AMENDED INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 64 AND 74 AND THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPENDENT CLAIMS.

Amended independent Claim 64 claims a simultaneous graphic display of first, second, third and fourth shipping rates that respective carriers would charge for delivering a particular package using respective delivery services. Amended Claim 64 further claims that each graphic display of a shipping rate comprises a corresponding indication of the respective carrier and a corresponding interactive selection indicator disposed for user-selection of one of the first, second, third or fourth delivery service

respectively for shipping the particular package. It is respectfully asserted that Amended independent Claim 74 claims similar limitations.

It is respectfully asserted that none of the cited references, whether considered alone or in combination, disclose the above-mentioned combination of limitations claimed by amended independent Claims 64 and 74.

Further, it is respectfully asserted that exemplary embodiments of the above-mentioned combination of limitations claimed by amended independent Claims 64 and 74, and therefore by their dependent Claims, would be useful over the cited references, in that such exemplary embodiments would provide a convenient simultaneous display and selection mechanism with which a user could select a carrier and a delivery service for shipping a parcel. For example, amended independent Claim 64 claims facilitating delivery of a package in response to an interactive user selection of a particular interactive selection indicator that is graphically displayed in association with a particular shipping rate and an indication of a carrier and an indication of a delivery date. Similarly, amended independent Claim 74 claims charging a user for a shipping rate associated with an interactive selection indicator selected by the user and further claims printing a shipping label in conformance with requirements by the carrier associated with the shipping rate selected by the user.

For the above-given reasons, it is therefore respectfully asserted that independent Claims 64 and 74 as amended, and therefore their respective dependent Claims, are distinguished from, non-obvious in view of, and patentable over, the cited references.

B. NO COMBINATION OF THE CITED REFERENCES DISCLOSES SIMULTANEOUSLY DISPLAYING SHIPPING RATES, CORRESPONDING INDICATIONS OF A CARRIER, AND A CORRESPONDING INTERACTIVE SELECTION INDICATOR IN RESPONSE TO A BUYER INPUTTING AN INDICATION OF A PURCHASE OF AN ITEM AS REQUIRED BY AMENDED INDEPENDENT CLAIM 74 AND ITS DEPENDENT CLAIMS.

As amended, independent Claim 74 claims simultaneously displaying delivery schedule indicia for a plurality of carriers and a plurality of delivery services in response to receiving a user input of an indication by the user to purchase an item. The claimed simultaneous delivery schedule indicia display comprises shipping rates, corresponding

indications of a delivery date and time, corresponding indications of a carrier associated with the particular shipping rate, and a corresponding interactive selection indicator.

It is respectfully asserted that none of the cited references, whether considered alone or in combination, disclose the above-mentioned combination of limitations claimed by amended independent Claim 74, and therefore its dependent Claims.

Further, it is respectfully asserted that exemplary embodiments of the above-mentioned combination of limitations claimed by amended independent Claim 74, and therefore by its dependent Claims, would be useful over the cited references, in that such exemplary embodiments would provide a convenient simultaneous display and selection mechanism with which a purchaser could select a carrier and a delivery service for shipping a purchased item to the purchaser.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully asserted that the invention disclosed and claimed by the Claims of the present application are not fairly taught by any of the cited references, taken either alone or in combination, are distinguished from, are not obvious in view of, and are therefore patentable over, the cited references. Accordingly, it is respectfully asserted that the application is condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the Claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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